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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA (Alexandria Division)

| TRIANTAFYLLOS TAFAS, Plaintiffs, | |
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| v. |) |
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| capacity as Undersecretary of | |
| Commerce for Intellectual Property |) |
| and Director of the United States |) |
| Patent and Trademark Office, et al., |) |
| Defendants. | j |

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| SMITHKLINE BEECHAM | |
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| CORPORATION, et al., |) |
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AMENDED CERTIFICATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD BY THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Declaration of Jennifer M. McDowell

I, Jennifer M. McDowell, hereby declare:

1. I am employed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO").

During the period from January 3, 2006 through the present, I have been an

- attorney in the USPTO's Office of General Counsel, Office of General Law.
- 2. As an attorney in the Office of General Law, I am responsible for the administrative clearance of Agency rule makings.
- 3. In connection with these duties, I have knowledge of the record-keeping practices of the USPTO relating to rule makings.
- 4. The above-referenced action is a challenge to USPTO final rules, Changes to Practice for Continued Examination Filings, Patent Applications Containing Patentably Indistinct Claims, and Examination of Claims in Patent Applications. 72 FR 46716-46843 (August 21, 2007).
- 5. On October 5, 2007, I certified that the administrative record provided to the Court at A00001-A09622 was, to the best of my knowledge, a true, correct and complete copy of the administrative record in this matter.
- 6. It has recently come to my attention as a result of summary judgment briefing that eleven public comments were inadvertently omitted from the administrative record that I previously certified.
- 7. These eleven public comments have, at all relevant times, been publicly available on the USPTO's website,
 - http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/comments/fpp_claims/claims_comments.html and
 - http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/comments/fpp_continuation/continuation_comments.html. The USPTO considered and responded to these comments in the Federal Register.

- 8. Their omission from the record was an oversight, caused by the eleven comments having been in a different physical location from other comments at the time the record was certified.
- 9. With the addition of the documents annexed hereto as SA001 - SA101, the administrative record that I certified on October 5, 2007 is, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate, and complete.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: January 16, 2008